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SUBJECT: ILO: VOTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BLACK AFRICAN AND ARAB
GOVERNMENTS

1. KEY ISSUE OF CONCERN TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS AT THE SIXTIETH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (GENEVA, JUNE 4-25, 1975) WAS ADMISSION OF PLO TO DE FACTO OBSERVER STATUS. THERE WERE SIX SEPARATE VOTES ON THIS ISSUE, ONE BY ROLL CALL AND FIVE BY SHOW OF HANDS. THE ROLL CALL VOTE, WHICH WAS THE FIRST VOTE AND WHICH DETERMINED BY WAY THE ISSUE WOULD GO, INDICATES THAT NO BLACK AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, WORKER, OR EMPLOYER DELEGATE VOTED AGAINST THE ARAB POSITION, ALTHOUGH SOME DID NOT VOTE AT ALL.

2. RECORD OF VOTE SHOWS THAT FOLLOWING SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS VOTED IN SUPPORT OF ARAB POSITION: BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CONGO, DAHOMEY, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA, IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SWAZILAND, TANZANIA, AND TOGO. PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING WERE CAR, KENYA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA.

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FOLLOWING BLACK AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT RPT NOT MEMBERS

OF ILO: BOTSWANA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, THE GAMBIA AND LESOTHO.
CHAD IS MEMBER OF ILO BUT IS NOT ATTENDING CONFERENCE.

3. WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES ARE THEORETICALLY NOT SUBJECT
TO GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTION IN THEIR VOTING.

4. COPIES OF ILO PROVISIONAL RECORD GIVING FULL VOTE BEING
AIR POUCHED AF (J.T. SMITH) AND INR/RAF (EDITH SCOTT), AND
S/IL (T.D. BOWIE). DALE

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